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## Town of Delmar

### Highlights of Fiscal 2014 Budget

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During the regular scheduled Joint Council meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 the Town of Delmar held its' annual Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 13-14 Budget. The Maryland budget was accepted as proposed, 5 Ayes; the Delaware budget was accepted with some modifications 4 Ayes/1 absent and the Utility Budget was accepted as proposed 9 Ayes/1 absent. The budget is a public record in the office of the Town Manager, open to public review by anyone during normal business hours of Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

<b>Budget 2013-2014</b>			
	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$ 1,831,985.77	\$ 273,025.13	\$ 2,105,010.90
Delmar, Delaware	\$ 1,392,241.00	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 1,506,241.00
Delmar Utility Commission*	\$ 1,813,089.00	\$ 1,707,000.00	\$ 3,520,089.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,037,315.77</b>	<b>\$ 2,094,025.13</b>	<b>\$ 7,131,340.90</b>

\*The Delmar Utility Commission is a joint venture of the Mayor & Commissioners and Mayor and Council. It is not a component unit of either town and is therefore reported separately. The Utility Commission is referenced in the Town of Delmar Budget Message for disclosure and the details are presented in a separate budget document.

#### **REVENUES:**

- **PROPERTY TAXES** - As a result of the State of Maryland reassessment, the Real property assessments will decrease in FY 2014. The Mayor & Commissioners rejected the Constant Yield Tax Rate set by the Maryland Department of Assessments of 0.8594, leaving the prior year's tax rate of 0.8461 in place. The Mayor & Council real property tax shall slightly increase by \$.02 for a new rate of \$0.52 (per \$100 of assessed value). Reassessment of Delaware properties would have to occur through private reassessment agency services at the expense of Delmar, Delaware residents. Proceeding with property reassessments would have resulted in a significantly higher tax rate increase for the Delaware residents therefore the Council opted not to contract with a private agency in an effort to keep the tax rate increase minimal. Corporate and utility operating tax rates will remain the same as the prior year in fiscal year 2013.

#### **Tax Rates 2013-2014**

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.8461	2.00	2.00
Delmar, Delaware	.52	2.00	

- Garbage collection fees will also remain the same in fiscal year 2014. In July 2005, the garbage collection was contracted to a private waste collection company. The fees will continue to be collected by the Town on the annual tax bill.

#### **UTILITY RATE CHANGES:**

- All new construction service connection/impact fees for water & sewer will remain the same in FY 14. The water service charge for residential has increased from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer service charge for residential has also increased by \$0.50 resulting in a charge of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons. The quarterly availability fee of \$16.45 will remain the same. The quarterly front footage fee will return to the old rate of \$33.00, resulting in an increase of \$16.11. Non-metered sewer customers will see an increase of \$10.00 to their quarterly service fee. The primary reason for the water service charge increase is to implement the meter replacement program. The majority of the water meters have extended their warranty life which is resulting in unaccounted water use. The primary reason for the sewer front footage fee is to cover the additional operational cost associated with the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades. The Town's overall objective is to maintain the same level of water and sewer service to our customers that they currently receive.
- Commercial flat rate fees for sewer front footage and water availability along with the water and sewer usage service charge rates are consistent with the residential rate increases stated above.
- An average water and sewer customer, with quarterly usage of 12,000 gallons, can expect a quarterly bill of \$178.45.

#### **EXPENDITURES:**

- Historically, all shared costs have been split evenly between Delmar, Maryland and Delmar, Delaware. In FY06 it was agreed by the Joint Council to reallocate the cost share based upon the 2010 census population data which determined the split should be 60/40 in the Police, Executive and Finance Department's expenses. Also, it was agreed beginning FY12 by the Joint Council to reallocate the cost share based upon actual road mileage between Delmar, Maryland and Delaware. Based upon the data received State Highway Administrations in Fiscal Year 2011 the split should be 73/27, therefore, where applicable the expenses within the Street & Highways Department allocated as determined. A written agreement was signed by the Joint Council, which stipulated that the cost allocation of all departments to be reviewed annually during budget preparations.
- A cost of living adjustment was not included in this year's budget.
- Capital Outlay items include the Phase I Meter Replacement Program, Phase III of Walnut Street Reconstruction Project, Phase I & II of Grove Street Water Main Upgrade and additional outside lighting at the municipal building,
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant & Water Treatment Plant Department's capital outlay items will be purchased through Utility Depreciation Expense line items as well utilizing a small percentage of the Investment account funds.
- Maintaining the current service agreements that were established for the maintenance of the water towers and all generators at plants and pump stations.

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Please contact Sara Bynum-King, Town Manager  
with any questions concerning the proposed budget.  
410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664, ext. 105

The Delmar, Maryland Municipal Primary Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

**Mayor and Commissioners  
Town of Delmar, Maryland  
2013 Primary Election Calendar**

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

Monday, September 9, 2013

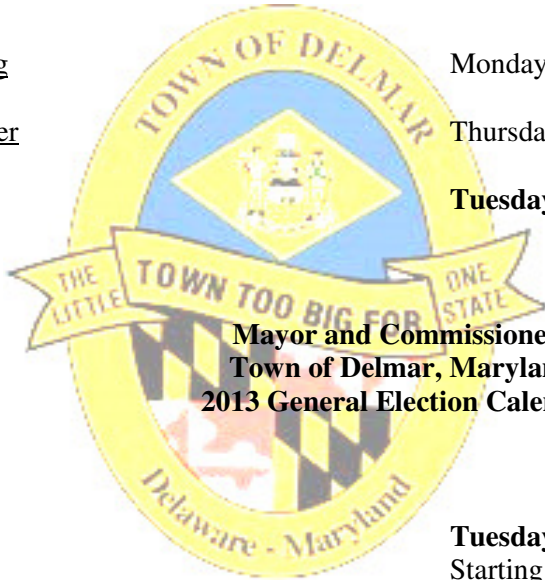
Deadline- Voters to Register

Thursday, September 17, 2013

Primary Election Date

<sup>4th</sup> Tuesday in September.

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**



**Mayor and Commissioners  
Town of Delmar, Maryland  
2013 General Election Calendar**

Date of Election

<sup>3rd</sup> Tuesday in November

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

Starting at 7:00 a.m.

Closing at 7:00 p.m.

Or until last person in line  
at close of doors has voted.

**Qualifications for Mayor and Commission Member are as follows:**

- (a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Maryland and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Maryland for at least two (2) years preceding the municipal elections;
- (b) Be at least 21 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Commissioner and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Commissioners or the Mayor to have any of the qualifications required by the above during the terms of his/her office will create a vacancy in the office.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at the Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. no later than Monday, September 9, 2013. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time.

**All candidates filing to be a Delmar Elected Official must comply with the Town's Ethic Ordinance #724, Section 5(Financial Disclosure)**

**To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election**, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and who has resided in the Town of Delmar, Maryland and the State of Maryland for at least six (6) months proceeding the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Registration is from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. Registration deadline is Thursday, September 17, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Robert Windsor (Center) with Utility Commission Chair and Delmar, DE Vice-Mayor Mary Lee Pase (L) and Delmar Town Manager Sara Bynum-King (R)

## Robert Windsor named Water Operator of the Year

Robert Windsor of Delmar was named the 2012 Water Operator of the Year. The ceremony took place at Delaware Technical Community College on May 2, 2013. Bob has been an employee of the Town for close to 16 years and has been the Water Operator Superintendent for the past six of those years. The awards

are presented annually to water operators, wastewater operators and on-site professionals who have demonstrated outstanding technical excellence and an exemplary work ethic while contributing to a high level of water quality in the State of Delaware. SO, everyone who sees Bob Windsor around Town, please congratulate and thank him on a job Very Well Done.

## Delmar Heritage Day

Organizing and planning for the Saturday, September 21, 2013 Delmar Heritage Day Celebration is under way. The Central Committee will hold its meetings the third Wednesday of each month, 2:00 pm at Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. This year's planning committee has been structured to have a central committee and three sub-committees. The three sub-committees are the events/activities, fund raising/sponsorship and vendors. Each sub-committee will have a chairperson who can conduct separate planning meetings at a time established by that committee's members. The sub-committee chairs will be responsible to attend or provide a status report to the Central Committee. While all committee members and the public are invited to attend the monthly Central Committee meeting, the new structure is designed to afford committees the ability to hold separate planning meetings without waiting until the Central Committee meeting. The intent is to encourage participation by accommodating those persons who wish to volunteer but are not able to attend a 2:00 pm meeting. Every person and business in Town is encouraged to get involved. Your suggestions and ideas are important. So if your time will allow please plan to attend the meetings as we need persons to serve on a committee or volunteer to assist on the day of the event. If you are unable to attend the Central Committee Meeting but are willing to serve on sub-committee please email Terri Addlesberger, Central Committee Secretary ([terriadd@gmail.com](mailto:terriadd@gmail.com)) or William Hardin ([whardin.delmar@verizon.net](mailto:whardin.delmar@verizon.net)) with your preference and contact information. We are especially encouraging the teen members of the Community to express your ideas and be involved in this year's planning.

Questions can be directed to William Hardin, Delmar Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 x103, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

## High Volume User Form

Do you have a pool ???

Do you have a vegetable garden or flower bed ??

Do you do boat maintenance at Home??

If you do, then you are eligible for a reduction of the sewer portion of your utility bill through our High Volume User Policy. **This policy is only in effect during the June, July**



**and August billing quarter, and the application must be filled out annually.**

The quarter starts as soon as the readings for the March, April, May quarter are completed. An application is provided within this newsletter and also on our website: [www.townofdelmar.us](http://www.townofdelmar.us). If you would like to apply, please fill out the application and return it to Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD 21875. **All applications must be turned in no later than August 16, 2013.**



The Drive Thru lane(s) at Delmar Town Hall is open on **Monday's and Friday's 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to accept payments for Taxes and Utilities **only**.

All billing inquires, building permits, special permits, licenses, etc. must be handled inside.

We appreciate your understanding in this new venture.

Thank you.

## Senior Discount on Taxes

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

- 1) One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years of age by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is filed.
- 2) As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, they are the sole owners of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of the 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes for the owners and that the property taxes are current.

**The application MUST accompany payment to receive the discount.** If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment in order to receive your discount. **Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30, 2013 or after initial payment has been received and processed.** The discount is on property taxes only; this **DOES NOT** apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included in this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

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## Delmar Revitalization Projects

### **DELMAR BUSINESSES COMMUNITY**

Congratulation to **BANS Fragrances & More** on the successful opening of their boutique shop, February 2, 2013. They are located at 22 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, DE. **Join them Saturday, June 8, 2013 for their Grand Opening. You can go to [www.bansfragrancesandmore@gmail.com](mailto:www.bansfragrancesandmore@gmail.com) for more information.**

Coming soon to Delmar Commons is **Pizza Hut** and **Gordy Pub**.

**Stop in and support the local businesses in downtown business district and throughout Delmar!!!!**

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## **SUMMER IS APPROACHING**

Warmer weather approaches and activities at Delmar parks and playgrounds are increasing. Drivers should be on the lookout for increased pedestrian traffic.

Pedestrians must be aware of vehicle traffic as you take to the streets in order to ensure your safety.

**Safety Tips-** Use sidewalks where possible and always avoid walking or skateboarding in the middle of the street. When crossing streets use a crosswalk where available and cross using extreme caution.

Avoid chasing balls into the street without looking first. **Reminder-** Delmar, Delaware and Maryland Municipal Ordinance make it illegal to obstruct or cause to be obstructed public streets and thoroughfares. Therefore, portable basketball hoops placed at a property's edge, driveway or on the sidewalk is prohibited as it encourages play in the street. Playing basketball in the street is illegal.

Delmar has a skate park, two full length basketball

courts along with other exceptional recreational facilities for the public's use. Please use them as they are designed to provide a safe and protected recreational environment. Town parks and playgrounds belong to the public and require public assistance in order that the Town Public Works Department is able to maintain them. You can help by observing posted rules and regulations; reporting vandalism; by not abusing the equipment and by disposing of trash in the marked Town barrels.

**Remember when you abuse it, you lose it.**

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## Delmar School District – Summer Business

### Hours

**Delmar, DE, Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Delmar School District will be open Monday through Thursday beginning the week of June 10, 2013 and continue through the week of August 12, 2013. Business summer hours will be as follows:

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**The offices will be closed on July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Holiday weekend.**

### Student Registration Process

Student registration will be conducted on the assigned days [see schedule below] from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. In-coming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students presently enrolled in the Delmar Elementary School are required to register on or before June 27, 2013. Registrants must be accompanied by a parent and/or guardian and should report to the school's main office. In order to complete the registration process the following documents must be provided at the time of registration:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Records/Physical documentation
3. Parent ID with Date of Birth (driver's license)
4. Social Security Card
5. Proof of Residency - Lease/Mortgage/Rental Agreement, Utility Bill (**P.O. Boxes are not acceptable**)
6. Copy of the registrant's last report card
7. School Transcript/Records (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
8. Completed Withdrawal Form or Official Letter from the previous school
9. Court documented Custody papers (if applicable)

### **Registration Dates:**

**June-10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26**

**July-8, 15, 22, 29**

**August-5, 12, 19**



## SPOT LIGHT ON THE NEW EMPLOYEES OF DELMAR



The Delmar Police Department has two new officers: Patrolman James Jacko and Patrolman Robert

Harris.

The Delmar Public Works Department also has two new employees: John Koerke (Foreman) and Raymond Gauntt (PW Tech II).

These individuals are complementing our existing work force very well and are a welcome addition to our Delmar Team. So if you see these new employees in your travels around Town, please take the time to say hello and welcome them to our Town.

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### Delmar Historical Society

Interested In Delmar History? Want to know about the Delmar Art Scene? Consider joining the Delmar Historical and Arts Society.

Mail your dues with the requested information to the below address to become a member today!

Delmar Historical and Arts Society

PO Box 344

Delmar, Delaware 19940

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are payable in January of each year and cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

Individual Membership - \$24.00

Family Membership - \$48.00

Life Membership - \$200.00

Student and Senior (62& over) \$12.00

Contact us at [delmarhas@yahoo.com](mailto:delmarhas@yahoo.com)

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### Wood Creek Sponsors First Annual Junior Golf Camp

The Wood Creek Golf Links and their manager Eastern Golf, LLC are sponsoring a Junior Golf Camp. The Camp is open to the first 60 children, aged 8-13 who sign up. The camp will be held on June 12, 13, and 14, and will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. Camp will end at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, the day will end at 2:00 p.m. and be followed by an awards luncheon, with graduation certificates presented by Delmar, MD Mayor Carl Anderton. The camp will be conducted by five certified teaching professionals and will teach children driving, approach shots, chips, bunker shots, putting and the rules and etiquette of the game. The fee is \$100 per child and includes a light breakfast and lunch each day, and all instruction. For more

information, call Gary Lucks at 443-359-5773 or 410-251-0985, or you may download a flyer and registration form at : [www.woodcreekdelmar.com](http://www.woodcreekdelmar.com) or [www.facebook.com/groups/WoodCreekGolf/files](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WoodCreekGolf/files).

### Delmar Public Library

Dig Into Reading--Read! at the Library This Summer The Summer Reading Program for kids from birth through age 18 begins June 1. Children and teens sign up, promise to read during the summer, track their own progress, and can attend a variety of programs through June, July, and August.

Programs include:

June 11: Storyteller Rebecca Jones @ 6 pm

June 18: Peter Rabbit's Misadventures in Farmer McGregor's Garden with Sussex County Master Gardeners @ 3 pm

June 20: Track and Trace (animal tracking) @ 3 pm

June 24: Insects Aren't As Yucky As They Seem @ 2 pm with Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation

July 1: Zoo to You with the Salisbury Zoo @ 3

July 10: Popping and Breaking—Hip Hop Dance with Illstyle and Peace Productions @ 3 pm

July 16: Jack and the Beanstalk @ 2 pm with the Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre

July 18: Hoops for the Hungry! @ 3 pm (how to hula hoop; bring a canned good donation, please!) with Miss Brandie

July 23: Cascading Carlos @ 3 pm (learn to juggle and watch a master)

July 25: Through the Rainforest @ 3 pm with Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation

July 31: Children's Concert with the Zinghoppers, award-winning children's musical group @ 3:30 pm

August 1: Simple Gifts (introduction to and history of ethnic folk instruments and songs) @ 3 pm

August 3: Reading logs are due!

August 8: FINALE! The SRP comes to an end. Meet Eugene! Puppet and puppet master performance @ 6:30 pm

**Programs** for preschoolers will be held on Wednesdays at 11. Stories, films, special guests, and more are planned for your summer fun.

**And** we haven't left the adults out of the fun.

Groundbreaking Reads is the theme for Summer Reading for adults. Weekly programs on Fridays, book discussions, an opportunity to write reviews and recommendations, contests and prizes. For more information, visit the Library!

**Complete** schedule with program details and start times is available at the Delmar Public Library starting on June 1.

**The** library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, Monday, August 19, and Monday, September 2.

**For** more information on these programs or for information on the Library's building project, please call 302-846-9894 or email us at

[Delmar.library@lib.de.us](mailto:Delmar.library@lib.de.us). Follow us on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter.

**Meeting Dates Changed**

Listed below are the changed meeting dates and time due to the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference being held in June.

**Planning and Zoning**

Thursday, June 13, 2013 7:00 p.m.

**Public Works**

Monday, June 17, 2013 6:00 p.m.

**Utility Commission**

Monday, June 17, 2013 6:30 p.m.

**Joint Council**

Monday, June 17, 2013 7:00 p.m.

**Holiday Closings for Town Hall**

Monday, May 27, 2013

Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Independence Day

Monday, September 2, 2013

Labor Day



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## High Volume User Data Form

***\*APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY AUGUST 16TH***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason(s) for high usage: (Check off any that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming Pool
- \_\_\_\_\_ Excessive Shrubbery & Flowers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Garden(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sprinkler System
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify below)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**This form must be completed each year.** Customers meeting guidelines will receive sewer abatement for the excess usage over normal average consumption. Customers that feel they are a high volume user, but do not qualify within the guidelines, must present their request before the Utility Commission. This policy will be in effect during the summer months of June, July, and August. High Volume Users will only receive a reduction of the sewer charge, not the water fee.

Town of Delmar  
100 S. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Delmar, MD. 21875

**TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD**  
**Application for Senior Citizen Discount**

Owner (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(Can be completed by Town Hall Employee)

**THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:**

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1<sup>st</sup> they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

**I hereby swear and affirm that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further understand that a false declaration in this application will subject me to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Form MUST accompany payment to receive discount.**

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30<sup>th</sup> or after initial payment has been received and processed. The allowed discount **is 5% of the Property Taxes only. This does not apply to the garbage fee.** If your taxes are paid through escrow by your mortgage company, please complete this form and forward it to your mortgage company with your tax bill. Applications will not be sent directly to the mortgage companies. If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call Kimberly at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 107.

- **Attention Mortgage Companies: Please include application when submitting payment for qualified resident.**